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In re application of: Motoshi ITO et al.

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For: INFORMATION UPDATE COUNT MANAGING METHOD,  
INFORMATION UPDATE COUNT MANAGING APPARATUS,  
CONTENTS USAGE COUNT MANAGING METHOD, AND CONTENTS  
USAGE COUNT STORING APPARATUS

Examiner: Zhuo H. Li

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully  
requested in view of the following comments.